



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.

H.O.P.E Group 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 14 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 15 – Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Reese's Peanut Cup Chocolate Cake
- Jan. 17-19 – CYC
- Jan. 21 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 28 – Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 29 – Meal: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert
- Feb. 8 – Men's Breakfast

Record for 1-5-20

Bible Class.....	134
Morning Worship.....	207
Contribution	\$6,052.20
Budget	\$6,634.62
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Served at Pantry	85 families
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Birthdays

January:

- 16th **David Petrik**
- 17th **George Gordon**

Order of Worship

Song Leader	TBD			
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Welcome/Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31	Stephen Lincoln			
Opening Prayer	David Burford			
.....	TBD			
Communion Talk	Shannon Elledge			
Shannon Elledge	Dee Plummer	Beau Brownell	Bill Spencer	
Kaiser Webb	Derek Tinius	Dan Kent	Sean Sellers	
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.....	Dismiss Children			
.....	TBD			
Sermon: Characteristics of Elders	Erik Granberg			
.....	TBD			
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz			
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent			
Children's Worship	Geneva Osburn			
Nursery	Kim Spencer; Wendy Taylor			
Sound Booth	Dee Plummer			
Slides	Robb Mills			

Sermon Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Sermon Thought: Most of the "qualifications" of elders involve character, not knowledge or skill. A person's lifestyle and relationships provide a window into one's character. It is important to have leaders who can effectively preach God's word; it is even more important to have those who can live out God's word and be examples for others to follow.

Sermon Questions:

1. What do you think some of your best characteristics are? Maybe ask those around you what your best characteristics are.
2. Why is doing the right thing so much more important than saying the right thing?
3. Why would it be possible for a person to meet all the qualifications scripture gives for being an elder but still not be a good elder?
4. What do our elders deserve the most thanks for? Have you told them?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Jan Petrik** – recovering from heart bypass surgery
- **Dakota** – Christy Cochran's 15-year-old nephew; diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma, is starting chemo.
- **Tinius Family** – as they grieve for their nieces
- **Bob Willett** – recovering from multiple strokes & a fall – going home Monday
- **Cheri Alvarez** – Hal Johnson's daughter; in the hospital with organ problems
- **Jo Edwards** – recovering from pneumonia
- **Terry Armstrong** – Kelli Moore's dad; recovering from a broken scapula & ribs & a partially collapsed lung
- **Clinton Haskell** – Cheryl McNabb's father; failing health

Next Week's (1/19) Servants:

Song Leader:	Robb Mills
Opening Prayer:	Larry Cochran
Communion Talk:	Shawn Tuohy
Lead Servant:	Cory Moore
Servers:	Danny Powers Casey Elledge David Granberg Brent Dittmeyer Jeff Owen Michael Manley
Shepherd's Prayer:	Pat Meek
Sound Booth:	Todd Anderson
Slides:	Chris Taylor
Nursery Attendants:	Lisa Granberg Kira Granberg Amarah Granberg
Children's Worship:	Lisa Granberg

Not Perfect, Just an Elder

"Must be blameless." Wow, count me out. I also happen to know exactly ZERO people who are blameless. Yet, that is one of the characteristics the apostle Paul says elders who shepherd churches should have.

As the early church grew, a leadership structure was needed to direct the affairs of churches as they lived out their faith. One example is found in Acts 6 when seven men were chosen as deacons for the ministry of daily food distribution. Later, as new churches began across the nations, Paul told Timothy and Titus, "to appoint elders in every congregation," (Titus 1:5) to shepherd the churches.

Most of the qualities of elders given in scripture involve character, not knowledge or skill. Knowledge and skill are much easier to obtain than good character. A person's lifestyle and relationships provide the window to that person's character. One may say all the right words, but a person's true character is revealed by the fruit of one's life. It is vital for churches to have leaders who live out God's word and be examples for others to follow.

Being an elder is not an easy responsibility nor is it one of thanks, but it is one of utmost importance in leading the church. Consider Paul's comment in Titus 1:7, "...an elder is entrusted with God's work...." That put together with being "blameless" is probably enough to scare away just about anyone.

Let me offer a small insight. There is a big difference between being "blameless," and being, "perfect." No human can ever achieve being perfect, hence the need for our savior, Jesus Christ. However, one of the marks of a blameless person, is the one who can acknowledge a mistake and make amends. To do so, requires one to be self-controlled, respectable, and not conceited. Those all happen to also be marks of an elder given by Paul.

You may never be called to be an elder, but the marks of an elder are characteristics that every follower of God should strive for. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit," Romans 15:13.

Erik Granberg

Being God's Woman in Today's World

Pam Denney will be teaching a new Wednesday night series starting in February. We will be exploring each of the characteristics of the Proverbs 31 woman, learning about women in the bible who demonstrated each of the characteristics, and making applications for us today. Come join us for a wonderful class! We will be meeting in the children's church room.

Westview Boys' Home Truck

The Westview Boy's Home grocery truck will be here the week of February 3. They are in need of Crisco, coffee, pancake mix, vanilla wafers, white vinegar, coarse black pepper, ritz/saltine crackers, onion salt/chili powder, 10 oz. red enchilada sauce, assorted instant oatmeal packages, dry ranch dressing/dip/chili seasoning, peanut butter crackers/cheese on cheese crackers, hair brushes, triple antibiotic ointment, and paper towels/toilet paper/Kleenex. Please put items in the box by the kitchen.

